

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1,4 and 6-18 and ADD new claims 19-36 in accordance with the following:

Sub B1 1. ~~(AS ONCE AMENDED)~~ An information processing apparatus to drive a plurality of driving means according to data to be processed, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a detection unit to detect a type of the data to be processed; and

a plurality of control units, each of which to control a corresponding driving means according to said type of the data to be processed, wherein the plurality of driving means is not included in the information processing apparatus.

Sub B1 4. ~~(AS ONCE AMENDED)~~ An information processing apparatus to drive a plurality of driving means according to data to be processed, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a plurality of control units, each of which to control a corresponding driving means

according to control data added to said data to be processed, wherein the plurality of driving means is not included in the information processing apparatus.

Sub B1 6. ~~(AS ONCE AMENDED)~~ A power control method which controls power supplied to a plurality of external driving means to be supplied with data to be processed, the power control method comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a type of the data to be processed; and

(b) controlling each of said plurality of external driving means according to said type of the data to be processed.

7. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The power control method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said step (b) controls a power source which supplies the power to said plurality of external driving means.

8. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The power control method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said step (b) supplies power to each of said plurality of external driving means that can process said data to be processed, and stops supplying power to each of said plurality of external driving means that cannot process said data to be processed.

9. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A power control method which controls power supplied to a plurality of external driving means to be supplied with data to be processed, the power control method comprising:

a step of controlling each of said plurality of external driving means according to control data added to said data to be processed.

10. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The power control method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said step controls a power source which supplies the power to said plurality of external driving means.

11. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A computer readable recording medium from which a program can be read by a computer which drives a plurality of external driving means according to data to be processed, the computer readable recording medium comprising:

the program comprising:

a detection procedure for detecting a type of the data to be processed; and

a control procedure for controlling each of said plurality of external driving means according to said type of the data to be processed.

12. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer readable recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said control procedure controls a power source which supplies power to said plurality of external driving means.

13. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer readable recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said control procedure supplies power to each of said plurality of external driving means that can process said data to be processed and stops supplying the power to each of said plurality of external driving means which can not process said data to be processed.

14. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer readable recording medium from which a program can be read by a computer which drives a plurality of external driving means according to data to be processed, the computer readable recording medium comprising:

the program comprising:

~~a control procedure for controlling each of said plurality of external driving means~~
according to control data added to said data to be processed.

15. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer readable recording medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein said control procedure controls a power source which supplies power to said plurality of external driving means.

16. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer readable recording medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein said control procedure supplies power to each of said plurality of external driving means that can process said data to be processed and stops supplying the power to each of said plurality of external driving means which cannot process said data to be processed.

17. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A computer readable recording medium comprising:
data comprising:

driving data to be supplied to external driving means; and

~~control data used to control other external driving means.~~

18. (AS ONCE AMENDED) The computer readable recording medium as claimed in claim 17, wherein said control data is recorded just before said driving data.

19. (AS NEW) An information processing apparatus to drive a plurality of driving units according to data to be processed, comprising:

a detection unit to detect a type of the data to be processed; and

a plurality of control units, each of which to control a corresponding driving unit according to the type of the data to be processed.

20. (AS NEW) The information processing apparatus of claim 19, wherein each of the plurality of control units controls a power source which supplies power to its corresponding driving unit.

21. (AS NEW) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein each of the plurality of control units supplies power to its corresponding driving unit if the driving unit can process the data to be processed, and wherein each of the plurality of control units stops

15 supplying power to its corresponding driving unit if the driving unit cannot process the data to be processed.

Sub B2 22. (AS NEW) An information processing apparatus to drive a plurality of driving units according to data to be processed, comprising:

a control unit to control a corresponding driving unit according to control data added to said data to be processed.

23. (AS NEW) The information processing apparatus of claim 22, wherein said control unit controls a power source which supplies power to said plurality of driving means.

24. (AS NEW) A power control method to control power supplied to a plurality of driving units to be supplied with data to be processed, comprising:

detecting a type of the data to be processed; and
controlling each of the plurality of driving units according to the type of the data to be processed.

Sub D1 25. (AS NEW) The power control method of claim 24, further comprising controlling a power source that supplies the power to the plurality of driving units.

26. (AS NEW) The power control method of claim 25, further comprising supplying power to each of the plurality of driving units that can process the data to be processed, and stopping a supply of power to each of the plurality of driving units that cannot process the data to be processed.

Sub B3 27. (AS NEW) A power control method to control power supplied to a plurality of driving units to be supplied with data to be processed, comprising:

controlling each of the plurality of driving units according to control data added to the data to be processed.

Sub D1 28. (AS NEW) The power control method of claim 27, further comprising controlling a power source that supplies the power to the plurality of driving units.

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29. (AS NEW) A computer readable recording medium from which a program can be read by a computer to drive a plurality of driving units according to data to be processed, comprising: detecting a type of the data to be processed; and controlling each of the plurality of driving units according to the type of the data to be processed.

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30. (AS NEW) The computer readable recording medium of claim 29, further comprising controlling a power source that supplies power to the plurality of driving units.

31. (AS NEW) The computer readable recording medium of claim 29, further comprising supplying power to each of the plurality of driving units that can process said data to be processed; and stopping a supply of power to each of the plurality of driving units that cannot process said data to be processed.

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32. (AS NEW) A computer readable recording medium from which a program can be read by a computer to drive a plurality of driving units according to data to be processed, comprising: controlling each of the plurality of driving units according to control data added to the data to be processed.

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33. (AS NEW) The computer readable recording medium of claim 32, further comprising controlling a power source that supplies power to the plurality of driving units.

34. (AS NEW) The computer readable recording medium of claim 32, further comprising supplying power to each of the plurality of driving units that can process said data to be processed; and stopping a supply of power to each of the plurality of driving units that cannot process the data to be processed.

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35. (AS NEW) A computer readable recording medium from which a program can be read by a computer to drive a plurality of driving units according to data to be processed, comprising: supplying driving data to driving units; and controlling other driving units using control data.